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MONTANA WATER COURT, YELLOWSTONE DIVISION YELLOWSTONE RIVER ABOVE AND INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN BASIN 43B PRELIMINARY DECREE

CLAIMANT: H W Burns Family, LLC	CASE 43B-1	105-R-2021
OBJECTORS: H W Burns Family, LLC; United States of America (Department of Agriculture Forest Service) NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR: Jon A. Grosfield; Marilyn W. Grosfield	43B 6986-00 43B 6987-00 43B 6992-00 43B 6993-00 43B 6997-00 43B 6998-00 43B 7001-00	43B 7002-00 43B 7016-00 43B 7019-00 43B 7020-00 43B 7021-00 43B 7025-00

ORDER AMENDING AND ADOPTING MASTER'S REPORT AND CORRECTING ABSTRACTS

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, section 85-2-233(5), Case 43B-1105-R-2021 was assigned to Water Master Anika M. Stern. Water Master Stern filed a Report containing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on April 3, 2023. On April 13, 2023, HW Burns Family, LLC (HW Burns) objected to the Master's Report requesting clarification of clerical errors in the Master's Report.

HW Burns noted that Finding of Fact No. 17. states:

On March 30, 2023, Marilyn Grosfield indicated all the Notices of Intent to Appear she filed are withdrawn.

Finding of Fact No. 17 should be amended to reflect that Marilyn Grosfield indicated all her Notices of Intent to Appear were withdrawn on March **20**, 2023.

HW Burns indicated Finding of Fact No. 27 and the attached Post Decree Abstract for claim 43B 7020-00 failed to correct the legal land description for point of diversion

ID 6. Finding of Fact No. 27 should be amended to reflect point of diversion ID 6 is being changed from Range 13E to Range 14E. The Post Decree Abstract for claim 43B 7020-00 has now been amended.

Claims in this Case were decreed with supplemental rights remarks. HW Burns proposed changes to the supplemental rights remarks by way of proposed abstracts. Unfortunately, the changes proposed by HW Burns did not accurately convert to Post Decree Abstracts. HW Burns objected based on erroneous supplemental rights remarks (termed "overlapping place of use remarks" by HW Burns). However, the corrections proposed by HW Burns are inconsistent with the remarks proposed by HW Burns during proceedings in the Case. Furthermore, all supplemental rights remarks will be removed from water rights claims at final decree. Therefore, to avoid further confusion or inconsistency, rather than being further modified, the supplemental rights remarks are being removed from the claims in this Case now.

The Court has reviewed the Water Master's Findings and Conclusions. Pursuant to Rule 53(e), Montana Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court **ADOPTS** the Master's Report with the above-referenced amendments.

Corrected Post Decree Abstracts for claims in this Case are served with this Order to confirm that the Recommendations set forth in the Master's Report, as amended by this Order, have been adopted for the claims in this Case.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6986-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: DECEMBER 21, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED FOR THIS USE FROM THIS

ONSTREAM RESERVOIR. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT

HISTORICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: FEATHERBED CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 W2NWSE 1 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: DAM

Reservoir: ONSTREAM

Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

W2NWSE 1 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Dam Height:13.00 FEETDepth:10.00 FEETSurface Area:0.33 ACRES

Capacity: 1.32 ACRE-FEET

SEE THE RESERVOIR WORKSHEET IN THE CLAIM FILE FOR ADDITIONAL

RESERVOIR DATA.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot</u> <u>Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6987-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: DECEMBER 21, 1961

Type of Historical Right: USE

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 10.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Otr Sec</u> <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 NENESW 26 3N 12E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENESW 26 3N 12E SWEET GRASS

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6992-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH FORK BIG TIMBER CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Otr Sec</u> <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 NESESE 31 3N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESESE 31 3N 13E SWEET GRASS

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6993-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 15.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE TIMBER CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Qtr Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 SWNESE 2 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2 SWNESE 2 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> <u>Acres Govt Lot</u> <u>Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County</u>

1 SWNESE 2 1N 13E SWEET GRASS

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6997-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 15.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF LITTLE TIMBER CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Otr Sec</u> <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 NENESE 29 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENESE 29 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 6998-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 20.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 SENENE 36 3N 12E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

2 SENENE 36 3N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	County
1			SENENE	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
2			SWSWNW	31	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7001-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1950

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: 25.00 GPM

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF WHITETAIL CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Otr Sec</u> <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 NESWNE 35 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: PIPELINE

THE MEANS OF DIVERSION INCLUDES STOCK TANKS.

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESWNE 35 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK **BASIN 43B**

Water Right Number: 43B 7002-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

> > **Status: ACTIVE**

H W BURNS FAMILY LLC **Owners:**

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: MAY 10, 1918 **DECREED Type of Historical Right: IRRIGATION** Purpose (use):

Irrigation Type: FLOOD 38.65 CFS Flow Rate:

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

1,524.00 **Maximum Acres:**

SWAMP CREEK Source Name:

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

Period of Diversion:

<u>ID</u>	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	Rge	County
1	ADDU 4 TO NOV	SWSWNE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 1 TO NOV	EMBER 1				
Diversion Means:	HEADGATE					
Ditch Name:	BURNS DITCH					
2		SESWNE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 1 TO NOV	'EMBER 1				
Diversion Means:	HEADGATE					
Ditch Name:	BURNS DITCH					
3		NWNWSW	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 1 TO NOV	'EMBER 1				
Diversion Means:	HEADGATE					
Ditch Name:	ARNESON DITCI	Н				
4		SESWNW	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
Period of Diversion:	APRIL 1 TO NOV	'EMBER 1				
Diversion Means:	HEADGATE					
Ditch Name:	BURNS DITCH					
5		SENWNE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS

APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH

6 SESESE 36 3N 12E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: JOHNSON DITCH

7 NWNWNW 6 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: JOHNSON DITCH

8 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH (UPPER BULL PASTURE DITCH)

9 SENWNW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (LOWER MEADOW DITCH)

10 SWNENW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE DITCH)

11 NWNWNE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (UPPER MEADOW DITCH)

12 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS) DITCH (MIDDLE MEADOW DITCH)

13 SESENE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (UPPER HULTS DITCH)

14 NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (LAKE DITCH)

15 SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH (LOWER HULTS DITCH)

Period of Use: APRIL 1 TO NOVEMBER 1

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	County
1	20.00		E2NE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
2	13.00		SW	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
3	20.00		SW	31	3N	13E	SWEET GRASS
4	80.00		NW	6	2N	13E	SWEET GRASS
5	111.00		SE	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
6	14.00		NE	36	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
7	55.00		NE	6	2N	13E	SWEET GRASS
8	30.00		SE	6	2N	13E	SWEET GRASS
9	60.00		NW	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
10	33.00		SE	35	3N	12E	SWEET GRASS
11	50.00		NE	31	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
12	185.00		S2	19	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
13	28.00		S2SW	20	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
14	130.00		NW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
15	120.00		NW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
16	130.00		SW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
17	120.00		NE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
18	85.00		SE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
19	40.00		SW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
20	120.00		NE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
21	80.00		SE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
	Total: 1524.00						

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7016-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1892

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 5.00 CFS

Volume: 93.00 AC-FT

Climatic Area: 2 - MODERATELY HIGH

Maximum Acres: 143.00

Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

*Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS DITCH

Reservoir: OFFSTREAM Reservoir Name: BURNS RESERVOIR

Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

E2E2SE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Diversion to Reservoir: DIVERSION #1

Dam Height:13.00 FEETDepth:10.00 FEETSurface Area:26.00 ACRES

Capacity: 104.00 ACRE-FEET

*Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	Acres Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	County
1	21.00	S2S2NW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
2	62.00	SE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
3	35.00	SW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS

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4 <u>25.00</u> S2S2NE 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Total: 143.00

Remarks:

CLAIM NO. 43B 7016-00 IS A 26.00 ACRE STORAGE LAKE OR RESERVOIR LOCATED ON THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP 02 NORTH RANGE 14 EAST IN SWEET GRASS COUNTY AND STORES SURFACE WATER FROM SWAMP CREEK DURING WINTER AND EARLY MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION SET FORTH IN FINDING OF FACT NO. X IN CAUSE NO. 3055 FILED IN SWEET GRASS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT ENTITLED BIG TIMBER CREEK CANAL COMPANY ET AL, DATED JUNE 1, 1976, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: THAT ROBERT BURNS, ONE OF THE ANSWERING DEFENDANTS, OWNS AND MAINTAINS A 26.00 ACRE STORAGE LAKE UPON HIS LAND SITUATE IN THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 02 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST, M.P.M. WHEREIN 93.00 ACRE FEET OF SURPLUS WATERS HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY STORED IN THE WINTER AND EARLY MONTHS OF EACH YEAR SINCE 1892; THAT ROBERT BURNS AND HIS PREDECESSORS HAVE STORED NO SURPLUS WATERS AND HAVE NO RIGHT TO DIVERT OR STORE SURPLUS WATERS THEREIN DURING THOSE TIMES OF YEAR WHEN ANY OF THE HEREINABOVE DECREED USERS (AND DECREED PRIOR HERETO) HAVE USE FOR SUCH SURPLUS IRRIGATION WATERS OF BIG TIMBER CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7019-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 5 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: JUNE 1, 1891

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 1.50 CFS

*Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 2 - MODERATELY HIGH

Maximum Acres: 1,088.00

*Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON BURNS (UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH

2 NWNWNE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER MEADOW) DITCH

3 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS MIDDLE MEADOW) DITCH

4 SESENE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER HULTS) DITCH

5 SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER HULTS) DITCH

6 NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LAKE) DITCH

7 SWNENW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE) DITCH

8 SENWNW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>		<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	Qtr Sec	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	County
1		50.00		NE	31	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
2		185.00		S2	19	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
3		28.00		S2SW	20	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
4		130.00		NW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
5		120.00		NW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
6		130.00		SW	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
7		120.00		NE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
8		85.00		SE	29	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
9		40.00		SW	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
10		120.00		NE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
11	_	80.00		SE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
	Total:	1088.00						

Remarks:

THIS CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE AGREEMENT ENTERED OCTOBER 2, 2008. SEE WATER COURT CASE FILE 43B-A2.

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7020-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: APRIL 1, 1880

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD

Flow Rate: 11.65 CFS

*Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 2 - MODERATELY HIGH

Maximum Acres: 1,088.00

*Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH

2 SENWNW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH

3 SWNENW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE) DITCH

4 NWNWNE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER MEADOW) DITCH

5 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS MIDDLE MEADOW) DITCH

6 SESENE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER HULTS) DITCH

7 NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LAKE) DITCH

8 SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER HULTS) DITCH

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>		<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{Twp}}$	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
1		50.00		NE	31	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
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10		120.00		NE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
11	_	80.00		SE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
	Total:	1088.00						

Remarks:

AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION COMPLETED 02/24/1988. FILE REFLECTS RIGHT AS IT EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY, 1973. APPROVED CHANGES WILL BE RECORDED AFTER FINAL DECREE.

THIS CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE AGREEMENT ENTERED OCTOBER 2, 2008. SEE WATER COURT CASE FILE 43B-A2.

ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7021-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: JULY 1, 1893

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 1.00 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 2 - MODERATELY HIGH

Maximum Acres: 1,088.00

*Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH

2 SENWNW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH

3 SWNENW 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER ARNESON/BULL PASTURE) DITCH

4 NWNWNE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER MEADOW) DITCH

5 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS MIDDLE MEADOW) DITCH

6 SESENE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

*Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER HULTS) DITCH

7 NESWNE 30 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

*Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LAKE) DITCH

8 SESENW 29 2N 14E SWEET GRASS

*Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER HULTS) DITCH

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Ac</u>	eres	Govt Lot	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	County
1	50	.00		NE	31	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
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10	120	.00		NE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
11	80	.00		SE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
	Total: 1088	.00						

Remarks:

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ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

YELLOWSTONE RIVER, ABOVE & INCLUDING BRIDGER CREEK BASIN 43B

Water Right Number: 43B 7025-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 4 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: H W BURNS FAMILY LLC

PO BOX 1510

BIG TIMBER, MT 59011 1510

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 14, 1889

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
Flow Rate: 2.50 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 2 - MODERATELY HIGH

Maximum Acres: 1,088.00

*Source Name: SWAMP CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

*Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID Govt Lot Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 NENENE 25 2N 13E SWEET GRASS

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS UPPER BULL PASTURE) DITCH

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Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER MEADOW) DITCH

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Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (UPPER MEADOW) DITCH

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Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Ditch Name: ARNESON (BURNS MIDDLE MEADOW) DITCH

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Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BURNS (LOWER HULTS) DITCH

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>		<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<u>Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<u>County</u>
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11		80.00		SE	30	2N	14E	SWEET GRASS
	Total:	1088.00						

Remarks:

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